

Escorted Tour
**Grand Teton & Yellowstone
Explorer**



Salt Lake, UT, USA

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DM FD USTETYLWEXP

Highlights

8 Days | 7 Nights Fully Escorted Tour

Your tour will include visits to

Jackson Hole
Grand Teton National Park
Yellowstone National Park
West Thumb Geyser Basin

Grand Prismatic Spring
Grand Canyon of the
Yellowstone Old Faithful
Mammoth Hot Springs

Lamar Valley
Beartooth Highway
Cooke City
Mesa Falls

Jenny Lake Boat Tour

Daily Breakfast, 6 Lunch and 1 Dinner

This is an Escorted Group Tour

This tour can also be operated as a Private Tour

Operates May to Oct 2023 | May to Oct 2024



Spanning over three million acres, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks are a unique combination of two distinct ecosystems. From soaring mountain peaks reaching up to 14,000 feet and boasting breathtaking views, to the teeming wildlife calling the broad valleys home, each environment offers something special to explore. Glaciers, thermal features, and landscapes that have been affected by volcanic eruptions and forest fires all make for an amazing adventure.

For eight days, you will journey through this incredible area as they learn about its geological history as well as its evolving ecology. Learn about how the land was formed from fire and earthquakes as well as how these forces continue to shape it today. Discover the plants and animals native to this region such as bears, elk, bighorn sheep, moose, wolves and more. Experience the beauty that

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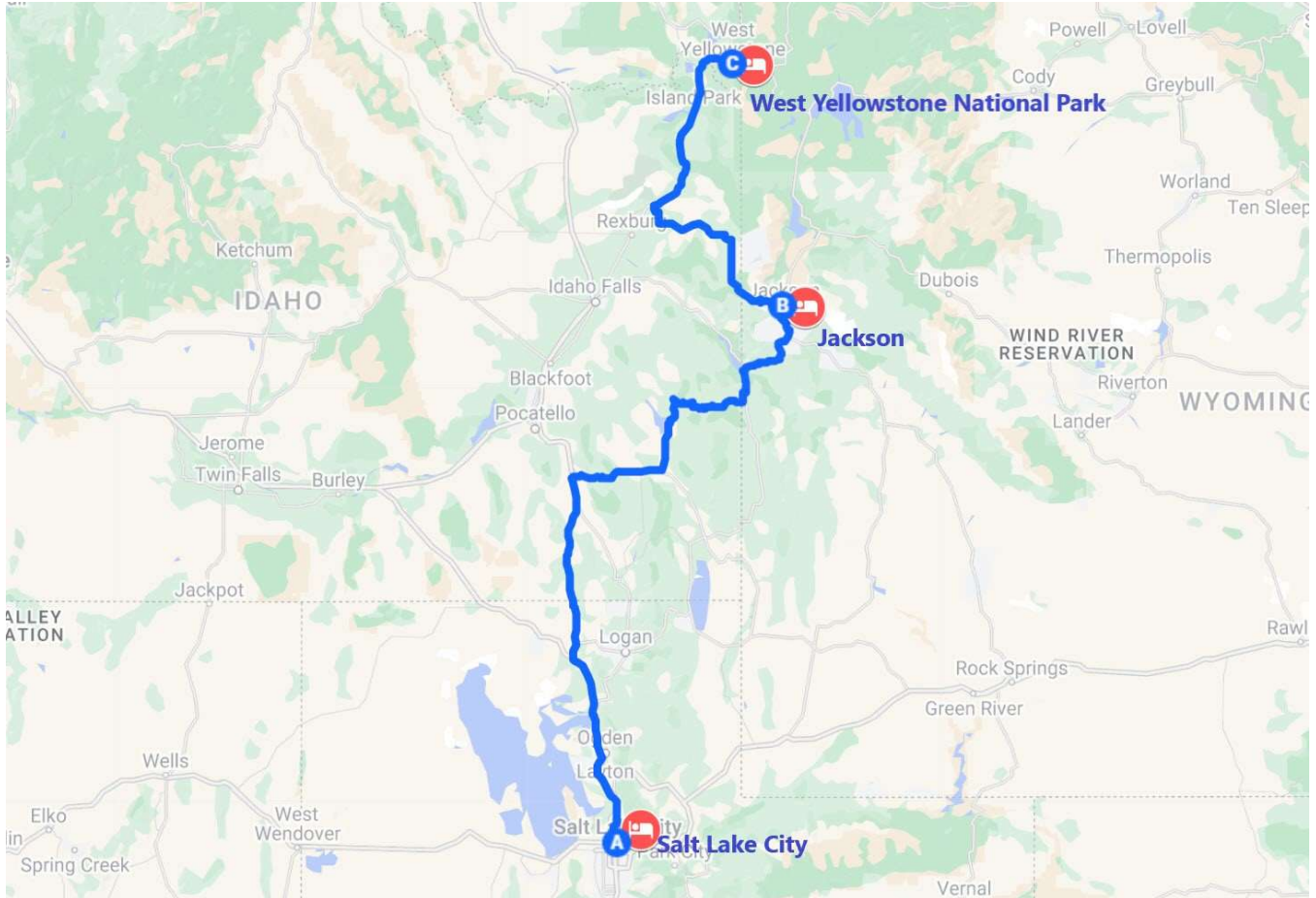


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comes with hot springs like those found in Yellowstone's Upper Geyser Basin or the stunning Snake River Canyon located in Grand Teton National Park.



From lakes full of trout perfect for anglers looking for a challenge to amazing hikes that will take you up close with nature there is something for everyone here. Whether it's enjoying a picnic lunch while admiring Mount Moran or learning about the geothermal features in Norris Geyser Basin you're sure to be awe-struck with all there is to see and do in this fantastic place. Make sure you bring your camera so you can capture all of your memories during your stay!

Day 1: Arrive in Salt Lake City and transfer on your own to your hotel in Salt Lake City.

Upon arrival at Salt Lake City, make your own way to your hotel in Salt Lake City. Rest of the day free.

Overnight in Salt Lake City, UT.

Day 2: Salt Lake City to Jackson, WY.

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Your guide will meet you at the hotel at 7:00 AM to kick off your journey to Jackson, WY. As you travel, your knowledgeable guide will share insights on the geology and history of the stunning landscapes of Northern Utah, Southeastern Idaho, and Western Wyoming.

Today's itinerary includes a stop at the fascinating Gros Ventre Slide area, where you'll have the opportunity to witness the effects of a historic landslide. You'll then continue on to explore the picturesque Jackson Hole Valley, with its stunning vistas and wildlife.

Later in the day, you'll visit the historic town of Jackson, where you can immerse yourself in the local culture and discover its unique charm. For dinner, we invite you to explore the array of excellent dining options available in Jackson, from charming cafes to fine-dining restaurants.

Overnight in Jackson, WY.

Day 3: Explore Grand Teton National Park.

Today, we will venture into Grand Teton National Park to experience the breathtaking wildlife and scenery it has to offer. Our first stops will be at Schwabacher Landing and Mormon Row, where you can take photos of the wildlife and marvel at the stunning landscapes.

Afterwards, we'll head to Jenny Lake for a scenic boat ride and an unguided hike to Hidden Falls and Inspiration Point. As guided hiking is not permitted in Grand Teton National Park, you'll have the freedom to explore the area at your own pace.

Continuing our journey, we'll head north to Jackson Lake and Colter Bay, where you can enjoy an afternoon of hiking and wildlife watching. Keep an eye out for the majestic animals that call this park home, such as grizzly bears, elk, and moose.

As the sun begins to set, we'll return to Jackson for the evening and enjoy a delicious group dinner at one of the fantastic local restaurants. We hope you'll savor the memories made during this exciting adventure in Grand Teton National Park.

Overnight in Jackson, WY.

Day 4: Jackson Hole to West Yellowstone, MT via Yellowstone National Park.

On this day, we'll embark on an unforgettable journey through Yellowstone National Park. We'll start by driving north through Grand Teton National Park, where we'll witness the stunning scenery of the Rocky Mountains.

As we enter Yellowstone, we'll explore the West Thumb Geyser Basin, Yellowstone Lake, and Hayden Valley, famous for its wildlife sightings. Next, we'll visit the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, one of the park's most iconic landmarks.

Afterward, we'll head to the Norris Geyser Basin, where you can hike and explore the park's unique geothermal features. As we travel through the Madison River Valley, you'll enjoy scenic views of the surrounding mountains and rivers.

Finally, we'll arrive at West Yellowstone, where you'll have a free evening to discover the charm of this western town. Whether you choose to explore its fascinating history, visit the local shops and restaurants, or simply relax and enjoy the tranquil surroundings, West Yellowstone has something for everyone.

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Overnight in West Yellowstone, ID.

Day 5: Northern Loop of Yellowstone National Park

Get ready for an exciting day of adventure as we journey through Yellowstone's Northern Loop. We'll start by traveling up and over Dunraven Pass, where you'll experience the park's highest point and breathtaking panoramic views.

As we reach the Tower-Roosevelt areas, we'll have plenty of opportunities for wildlife watching and hiking, where you can spot some of the park's famous inhabitants, such as grizzly bears, wolves, and bison.

We'll then take a break for a picnic lunch at a scenic location, where you can relax and take in the stunning surroundings. Afterward, we'll explore the fascinating Mammoth Hot Springs area, known for its stunning terraces of colorful minerals and geothermal features.

In the afternoon, we'll continue our journey through the Northern Loop, stopping at various scenic and wildlife spots along the way. As we return to West Yellowstone, you'll have another free evening to explore this charming western town, perhaps visiting its historic sites, local shops, or restaurants.

Overnight in West Yellowstone, ID.

Day 6: More of Yellowstone National Park

Today is dedicated to exploring the main geothermal area of Yellowstone National Park, starting with the West Thumb Geyser Basin, located on the shore of Yellowstone Lake. This unique site offers a fascinating combination of geothermal features and lake views.

Next, we'll visit the iconic Old Faithful, one of the most famous geysers in the park known for its predictable eruptions. We'll also take time to explore the Old Faithful Lodge, a historic landmark in the park.

As we make our way to Madison Junction, we'll make stops at other geothermal areas like Black Sand Basin, Grand Prismatic Spring, and Firehole Geyser Basin. These areas offer incredible opportunities to witness the power and beauty of geothermal activity.

Along the way, we'll have several opportunities for hikes and wildlife watching. Keep your eyes peeled for bison, elk, bears, and other park inhabitants.

Overnight in West Yellowstone, ID.

Day 7: West Yellowstone to Salt Lake City, UT

Spend the morning exploring the natural beauty of Island Park, located just outside of Yellowstone National Park. Take in the stunning views at Big Springs and Mesa Falls before continuing southward.

As we travel through Idaho, we'll pass by picturesque potato fields and make a stop at the Bear River Bird Refuge, a prime destination for bird watchers.

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We'll then follow the scenic route along the shore of the Great Salt Lake, with the option of visiting the Bear River Bird Refuge or Antelope Island if time allows. These areas offer unique opportunities to observe local wildlife and enjoy the stunning natural scenery.

Finally, we'll arrive back in Salt Lake City by 6:00 PM, giving you plenty of time to unwind and reflect on the unforgettable experiences of your journey.

Overnight in Salt Lake City, UT.

Day 8: Transfer from the hotel in Salt Lake City to the airport on your own. End of your Grand Teton & Yellowstone Explorer.

This is the end of your Grand Teton & Yellowstone Explorer tour. Check-out of the hotel is posted for 11 AM.

Transfer on your own to Salt Lake City International Airport for your flight home.

End of your Grand Teton & Yellowstone Explorer Tour.

Inclusions

- ✓ 7 Nights accommodations.
- ✓ 7 Breakfasts
- ✓ 6 Lunches
- ✓ 1 Dinner – day may change; your guide will let you know.
- ✓ Admissions to Jenny Lake Boat Tour.
- ✓ Park Entrance Fees.
- ✓ Dedicated Tour Director cum Tour Guide.
- ✓ Ground Transportation by comfortable Tour Coach.
- ✓ Gratuities for included meals and activities.
- ✓ Taxes.

Exclusions

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Breakfast and other meals.
- × Transfer from (SLC) Salt Lake City International Airport to a hotel in downtown Salt lake City.
- × Transfer from Hotel in downtown Salt lake City to (SLC) Salt Lake City International Airport.
- × Porterage at hotels.
- × Bottled Water in hotel rooms.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Telephone calls, Laundry, and other expenses.
- × Any personal expenses.
- × Gratuities for hotel staff (optional).

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- × Travel Insurance – highly recommended. If client declines your offer to sell Travel Insurance, you are required to secure a Liability Waiver signed by the client that you must provide us on demand. We sell Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario. Non-residents of Ontario as well as clients from abroad must purchase Travel Insurance in the province/state/country where they reside.
- × Optional Tours and activities.
- × Early Check-in and Late Check-out charges. Charges will apply.
- × Gratuities for Tour Director.
- × If applicable, cost of any RTPCR/Antigen Test or costs related to quarantine.

Tour Operates

| Start | End |
|-------------|-------------|
| 14 May 2023 | 21 May 2023 |
| 28 May 2023 | 4 Jun 2023 |
| 11 Jun 2023 | 18 Jun 2023 |
| 9 Jul 2023 | 16 Jul 2023 |
| 23 Jul 2023 | 30 Jul 2023 |
| 6 Aug 2023 | 3 Aug 2023 |
| 3 Sep 2023 | 10 Sep 2023 |
| 17 Sep 2023 | 24 Sep 2023 |
| 1 Oct 2023 | 8 Oct 2023 |

| Start | End |
|-------------|-------------|
| 12 May 2024 | 19 May 2024 |
| 26 May 2024 | 2 Jun 2024 |
| 9 Jun 2024 | 16 Jun 2024 |
| 23 Jun 2024 | 30 Jun 2024 |
| 7 Jul 2024 | 14 Jul 2024 |
| 21 Jul 2024 | 28 Jul 2024 |
| 4 Aug 2024 | 11 Aug 2024 |
| 18 Aug 2024 | 25 Aug 2024 |
| 1 Sep 2024 | 8 Sep 2024 |
| 15 Sep 2024 | 22 Sep 2024 |
| 29 Sep 2024 | 6 Oct 2024 |

Hotels Featured

| Destination | Standard Hotels |
|----------------------|---|
| Salt Lake City | Courtyard by Marriott Salt Lake City Downtown |
| Jackson, WY | Elk Country Inn |
| West Yellowstone, ID | Kelly Inn |

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Rooms featured will be Standard ROH room unless specified otherwise. Hotels featured will be as above or similar. We feature a range of hotel properties. Hotel upgrades are available. Please check with us for rates and availability.

Deposit Policy

100% Deposit required on confirmation of this Tour.

Change & Cancellation Policy

- All cancellations are subject to a non-refundable 10% cancellation fee of the full price of the tour.
- Changes to tour bookings within 30 days of the tour are subject to a non-refundable 10% cancellation fee of the full price of the tour.
- Any changes to a tour within 30 days of the tour will be charged a \$250.00 fee and any increase in the cost will be charged to the customer.
- Cancellations within 30 days – 100% non-refundable.
- No Show – 100% non-refundable.
- Unused services – 100% non-refundable.

Note

1. The Federal and/or Provincial health authorities may require that clients are double vaccinated and produce a vaccination certificate on demand. Please refer to [Centres for Disease Control & Prevention](#) site for most up to date information in this regard.
2. Federal, Provincial, Municipal Health Authorities and/or certain service providers may require clients to wear a face mask.
3. We recommend clients carry a digital/paper copy of their Vaccination Certificate on person to be produced on demand.

What Is Defined As A Change?

A change is defined as any of the below or a combination thereof.

- Correction of a name/s.
- Change of name/s.
- Change of a departure date. Changes within the Change/Cancellation Deadline are subject to applicable Cancellation Penalty.

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- Change or alteration in room requirements. Such changes may be subject to additional charges based on the revised room requirements and type of rooms. Changes within the Change/Cancellation Deadline are subject to applicable Cancellation Penalty.

All changes are possible only if accepted by the supplier, and subject to the applicable fee, availability of inventory and/or supplier's willingness to effect the requested changes.

No changes to the booking are permitted within 60 days of start of your tour.

No changes are permitted once travel has commenced.

A change of the type of tour is considered a cancellation.

Booking Changes & Cancellation (Other Terms)

Vacation packages are prepared months in advance. Occasionally, one of the advertised services or locations may be modified or may not be available. On such occasions after your booking is confirmed, we may have to make changes to the services that are part of the package. Most often this will be minor, however we may have to make a Major Change before you depart.

Major Change includes:

- change of destination.
- change of time of departure or return by more than 24 hours.
- change of the standard of the accommodation.
- increase in the cost of the vacation package of more than 7% (unless government imposed).
- change of route necessitating other identification or documentation when there is insufficient time to obtain these items before departure; and
- an error in our rates.

If we must make a Major Change, we will advise you and you may:

- Accept the change.
- Select one of our alternate vacation packages at the applicable price; or
- Cancel completely and obtain a full refund of the price you paid.

Sometimes the hotel you chose will not be available because of unexpected maintenance or overbooking. If this is the case, DMCi Inc. will provide a substitute hotel, of equal or greater standard. If DMCi Inc. is obliged to downgrade the accommodation, and you accept that offered change, DMCi Inc. will provide you with a partial refund. We reserve the right to change our published prices without notice and to pass on to you all government-imposed taxes, transportation fees and surcharges, including fuel and currency fluctuations.

DMCi Inc. may not be able to refund you in full for changes that are made for reasons of Force Majeure, namely war or threat of war, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist activity, industrial disputes, natural and nuclear disasters, fire, weather causing beach erosion, epidemics or health risks,

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technical or mechanical problems with transport, flight delays due to weather, government action, closed or congested airports or seaports, supplier insolvency and any events beyond our control.

Should we purchase Travel Insurance to join this tour? Highly recommended. We require clients to provide us a signed Liability Waiver in the event you choose to decline our offer to sell Travel Insurance. Stars & Maple Holidays sells Manulife Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario. Please check with us for rates. Residents of other provinces as well as those coming from overseas must purchase Travel insurance in the province/country where they reside.

What is DMCi Inc. policy should our flights be cancelled or for some other reason we are unable to travel and therefore we are unable to join the tour? – DMCi Inc. will try and make every effort to accommodate you in such circumstances within what is possible. However, please note – DMCi Inc., is responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not grounds for a refund or a substitution tour. If you are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. All such circumstances should be covered by your Travel Insurance.

FAQ

- **Is this tour an Escorted Tour with a Tour Director?** Yes. This is an Escorted Tour with a Tour Director. Commentary on sightseeing tours will be either a pre-recorded commentary or narrated by your driver-guide in English.
- **Are there fixed dates of departure for this tour?** Yes. This tour departs on fixed departure dates.
- **Is this tour customizable?** No. This tour is not customizable.
- **Will I be sitting with the same group of people on this tour like on an Escorted Tour?** Yes. You will be sitting with the same group of people through this tour.
- **What size of coaches are used for transfers and tours?** Most of our tours are operated with Mercedes Sprinter Vans or similar. We specialize in small groups unless otherwise specified on certain tours. Some tours will run with a full-sized Motorcoach as noted on that tour.
- **What kind of clothing should I wear?** Layers! Light-weight layers made of technical fabrics are best. Pants that convert into shorts also work well in the desert. Brimmed hat and sunglasses will add additional protection from the sun. See our Packing List page.
- **What kind of footwear should I wear?** We suggest light-weight, breathable, flexible hiking boots with ankle support. Additionally, you will want to add several pairs of socks, designed for desert hiking; breathable, wicking, technical fabrics work best.
- **What kind of luggage should I bring?** We recommend soft-sided, light-weight suitcase, convertible duffel, or backpack. Also, consider bringing a camera bag, small day pack, or fanny pack as well.

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- **How many miles should i hike each day?** Hiking is not mandatory with the group. Let us know what you would like so we can be sure to place you on the right experience! There are elevation changes and there is uneven ground on some of the trails so please let us know your fitness level when you speak with us. Many amazing sites can be seen with 1-to-3-mile hikes. More strenuous hiking trips can be accommodated upon request.
- **Do we have to hike as a group?** No, hiking with the group is not mandatory.
- **Can we do longer hikes if we wanted to?** Yes, just speak with your guide and they can make recommendations. They may not be able to accompany you but they can advise you where/when to hike if you want further.
- **How much time do we spending ach National Park?** You will spend a minimum of 5-6 hours in each park, on average 6-8 hours depending on the tour.
- **Do you have any age restrictions?** We do not have any age restrictions for our tours; however we ask that parents know their children's hiking abilities. If children are able to hike and keep up with the group, they are welcome to on tour.
- **Do you cater to dietary requirements?** Yes, we can provide vegetarian options. Vegan, gluten free, kosher options cannot be guaranteed but we will do our best to meet your needs.
- **What is the Smoking Policy?** For the safety and comfort of our guests and Tour Guides we have a no-smoking policy.
- **Would the client require a credit card to check-in at confirmed hotels, lodges, and inns?** Yes. Clients are required to present a Credit Card n their name at check-in. Hotel will typically take an authorization on the credit card for between \$500 and \$750 per stay to cover room incidentals and any damage to property. The authorization will auto-cancel within 72 hours of check-out less any incidentals or other charges relating to the room.
- **What is the hotel check-in and check-out times?**
 - Check-in: 4 PM
 - Check-out: 11 AM

Early Check-in and Late-Checkouts require prior approval by the hotel. Additional charges, possibly an additional night charge will apply.

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